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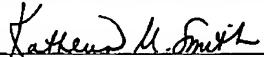
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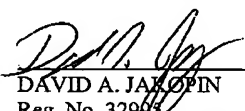
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2004, Applicants elect to prosecute the method claims of Group II, and select the species of Figs. 3-5 with traverse.

Applicants do not dispute the restriction requirement between the method and apparatus claims. However, Applicants believe the requirement to choose between a specific species is incorrect for two reasons. First, examining the method claims in conjunction with all the figures would not pose a significant search burden on the Examiner. Second, all claims are generic to both species. Therefore, Applicants request reconsideration of the requirement to elect a specific species.

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